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June 14, 2007

RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

PUCT Docket No. 24481 – Designation of Common Carriers as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to receive Federal Universal Funds Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order Adopting A State Certification Process

PUCT Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 §214(e)(2)

PUCT Docket No. 33524 – Application of Connect Paging, Inc. d/b/a Get A Phone for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation and Eligible Telecommunications Provider Designation

## Connect Paging, Inc. - Annual Affidavit

On January 16, 2007 the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) issued a letter regarding designation of Connect Paging, Inc. d/b/a Get A Phone (Get A Phone) as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC). The PUCT's *Order No. 3*, Docket No. 33524, issued on January 8, 2007, granted this designation.

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On June 1, 2007, Get A Phone filed the attached letter and affidavit of Byron Young, President, which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. §54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §\$54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for Get A Phone.

If you require any additional information please call Rick Talbot at (512)-936-7257.

Sincerely,

Rick Talbot - Policy Analyst

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Communication Industry Oversight Division - Texas Public Utility Commission

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Byron Young of Connect Paging, Inc. d/b/a Get A Phone (the Company or the Cooperative "the Company/Cooperative"), who on his oath deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Byron Young. I am employed by Get A Phone in the position of President. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Company/Cooperative and how the Company/Cooperative uses these funds.
- 2. Get A Phone (Name of Company/Cooperative) was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No. 33524 by order dated January 8, 2007.

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- 3. The Federal Universal Service support funds received by Get A Phone (the Company/Cooperative) are used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with §254(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. §54.101 which are available throughout the Company's/Cooperative's study area.
  - 4. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

Signature of Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day of Une \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2007.



Notary Public

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